DEMPSEY TRYING TO MOLD JOHNSON

RING TITLES AS GIFTS NO LONGER POPULAR

Sad Experiences of Corbett and Jeffries Threw Wet Blanket on Practice.

'SUCCESSORS' FAILURES

Champions of Present Time Seek to Instruct Pupils How to Win and Hold Honors.

The interest displayed by Jack

Dempsey in the pugifistic future of Floyd Johnson and the painstaking instruction of the youngster by the hampion might easily be taken as an indication that the title holder sees in the Western youth a successor to the hief honors of the heavyweight class. It does not follow that Dempsey expects to be shorn of his title by Johnson in the near future. Yet the chamindefeated, would like to feel that he had been instrumental in developing worthy successor to the pugilistic

throne.

This trait has been characteristic of nearly every champion in the history of the roped square game, despite the fact that the ambition never has been realized. True, Johnson appears to be more premising material than a majority of his predecessors, but he will be required to go through many a trying ordeal before he will be handed the heavyweight sceptre. If the industrious efforts of Dempsey will mold Johnson into championship form the Iowan may succeed.

Nearly all the instances in which former champions tried to name their suc-Nearly all the instances in which for-mer champions tried to name their suc-cessors were farcical failures. There is not on record a case in which a "gift" tible was retained by the recipient. Every title in the history of boxing has been won in the ring or by forfett. A champion boxer has no more right to name his successor than a retiring office-holder. Nevertheless it has been at-tempted by numerous champions.

Corbett's Candidate.

One of the first efforts of the kind was made by Jim Corbett, who tried to have Steve O'Donnell succeed to the title. O'Donnell was Corbett's sparring partner and could outbox the champion in gymnasium. However, Corbett made the mistake of arranging a bout between Peter Maher and O'Donnell to take place at the Empire A. C., Maspeth. The plan was to have O'Donnell celebrate his ascendancy to the title by drubbing Maher. The Irish champion was not in sympathy with the plan and proceeded to knock out O'Donnell in thirty seconds of the first round. Corbett then made an effort to present the

sight the Californian for the champlon-ship. This was respectfully declined and Corbett held on to his title until it was forcibly taken by Fitzsimmons. The next amusing episode was fur-nished by Jeffries, who formally re-tired from the ring in 1905 and remained out till 1910. He was the heavyweight champion of the world when he re-nounced his title and had he not been so foolish as to return to the ring in so foolish as to return to the ring in 1910 to fight Johnson (the new champion), Jeffries would to-day share with Jim Mace the honor of having retired the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

when Jerries decided to quit the ring he looked about for a man on whom to confer the title. His eye fell on Marvin Hart, a sturdy Kentuckian of mediocre ability as a puglilist. Hart was easily defeated by Tommy Burns and others and Jeff then said he never gave the title to Hart.

American Contenders for Fishing Sloop Title



der-Boston Yachtsmen Are Keenly Aroused.

Race are to be sailed off Gloucester. this week, and the Mayflower, believed part, she having been barred by the

she came to be barred. If she is an honest-to-God fisherman how comes it Nova Scotia has barred her? If there was not trickery how could she bar her; or how comes it the American Race

her; or how comes it the American Race Committee stands for her being barred?

There is no trickery on America's part. Immediately after the first Fish-ermen's Cup race, held off Hallfax two years ago, the Americans (all Gloucester did run much to profiteering. In all her instruments to draw up rules and regulations to govern future racing between the two countries. What the regulations were does not matter here except that one clause gave to Nova Scotia the sole right to say what vessels should be allowed to sail in future races. Immediately after that first race Nova Scotia built two vessels, for the express purpose of bringing back the Fishermen's Cup. The telk soon came drifting in that the new vessel was to be much as the telephone of the cup race, and with proper time to get ready for the last race, she ought to sail pretty well."

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ter to do the barring, but Gloucester said no. There were men in Gloucester who were opposed to the Mayflower being allowed to race in the beginning. From things they heard they distrusted the yachting element who owned shares in the Mayflower. For the seagoing type of yachtsmen they had great respect, but they had seen what harbor yachtsmen and toy boats had made of the America's Cup Race and they did not want to see that element trying to run their race. So they felt about any possible intruding by the yachting element, but when the showdown came those same Gloucester men stood by the Mayflower. By a vote of 10 to 1 they said the Mayflower should be allowed in.

Still the Nova Scotians said no, and full power being vested in them the verdict had to stand. At that stage of the play it was too late for Gloucester to build a new vessel even if she could of them as big as the Nova Scotian.

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It was up to Gloucester again to find

Tommy Ryan named Hugo Kelly, a clever but week-jawed boxer, as his successor in the middleweight championship. Kelly was knocked out so many times that Ryan let matters take their course with the result that Ketchel naturally became champion through merit.

Joe Gans got the singular idea into his head that a boxer named George Memsle would be a fit successor to the lightweight crown. So Gans announced his own retirement and declared Memsle was a second rater, with little or no class, Gans's action brough trivial to be the new champion. As Memsle was a second rater, with little or no class, Gans's action brought forth derisive laughter. Gans then said he was on longer a merely Gloucester affair, and if Gloucester would not then Boston soil the Mayflower.

Mayflower Too Speedy.

The talk soon came drifting for the last race, she ought to sail pretty well."

But the Esperanto went to sea one day and never came back. In a thick o' fog bound home from the Grand Banks with a trip of sait fish she went up on to a bar off Sable Island, and there her old bones still rest.

That was a tough one; but no use crying over it. The thing was to find another vessel and find her quick. Gloucester took a look around and while she was no longer a merely Gloucester affair, and if Gloucester would not then Boston was looking around in from sea came another old sait fisherman, Elsie, from her three months on the Grand Banks.

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